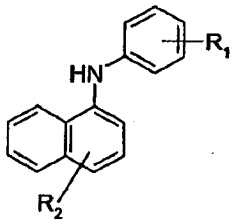
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A composition which comprises

A) An additive mixture that essentially consists of

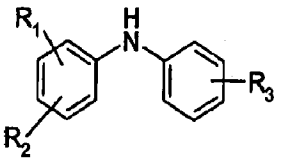
a) At least one compound:



(I),

wherein one of R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represents hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl and the other one represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and

b) At least one compound:



(II),

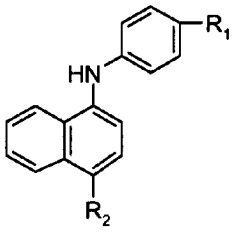
wherein R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represent hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, branched octyl, branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and R_3 represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, branched octyl, branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and

B) A composition of matter susceptible to oxidative, thermal or light induced degradation.

2. (Previously Presented) A composition which comprises

A) An additive mixture which essentially consists of

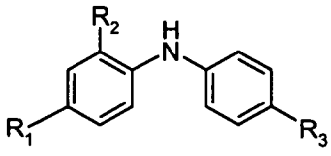
a) At least one compound:



(I'),

wherein one of R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represents hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl and the other one represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl or an isomer thereof; and

b) At least one compound:



(II'),

wherein R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represent hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, branched octyl, branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and R_3 represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, branched octyl, branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl or an isomer thereof; and

B) A composition of matter susceptible to oxidative, thermal or light induced degradation.

3. (Original) A composition according to claim 2, which comprises an additive mixture that essentially consists of

a) At least one compound (I'), wherein one of R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represents hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of 2,4-dimethy1-2-heptyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl and the other one represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of 2,4-dimethyl-2-heptyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and

b) At least one compound (II'), wherein R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represent hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, 2,4,4-trimethy1-2-pentyl, 2,4-dimethyl-2-heptyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and R_3 represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, 2,4,4-trimethy1-2-pentyl, 2,4-dimethyl-2-heptyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl.

4. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 2, which comprises an additive mixture that essentially consists of

a) At least one compound (I'), wherein one of R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represents hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of 2,4-dimethy1-2-heptyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl and the other one represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of 2,4-dimethyl-2-heptyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and

b) At least one compound (II'), wherein R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represent hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, 2,4,4-trimethy1pent-2-yl, 2,4-dimethyl-2-heptyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and R_3 represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, 2,4,4-trimethy1pent-2-yl, 2,4-dimethyl-2-heptyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl.

5. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 2, which comprises an additive mixture that essentially consists of

a) At least one compound (I'), wherein one of R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represents hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of 2,4-dimethy1-2-heptyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl and the other one represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of 2,4-dimethyl-2-heptyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and

b) At least one compound (II'), wherein R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represent hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of 2,4-dimethyl-2-heptyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and R_3 represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of 2,4-dimethyl-2-heptyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl.

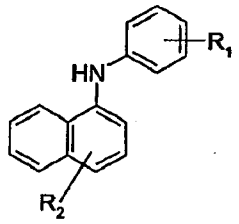
6. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition of matter of component B) susceptible to oxidative, thermal and light induced degradation is a natural, semi-synthetic or synthetic polymer or a functional fluid.

7. (Original) A composition according to claim 6, wherein the functional fluid is a lubricant, machining fluid or a hydraulic fluid.

8. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, which additionally contains conventional additives suitable for protecting a composition of matter susceptible to oxidative, thermal and light induced degradation.

9. (Currently Amended) An additive mixture that ~~essentially~~ consists essentially of

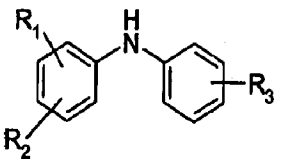
a) At least one compound



(I),

wherein one of R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represents hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl and the other one represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and

b) At least one compound



(II),

wherein R_1 and R_2 independently of one another represent hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, branched octyl, branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl; and R_3 represents a hydrocarbon radical selected from the group consisting of tert-butyl, branched octyl, branched nonyl, 1-phenylethyl and 2-phenyl-2-propyl.

10-18. (Cancelled).